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OD5IQ

ASIA

LEBANON

QTH BOLONIA MOUNTAIN — 4 000 FT ABOVE THE SEA LEVEL

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EQUIPMENT: 2 x DRAKE C-LINE
ALPHA 77 & 374
HYGAIN { TH6DXX / TH3MK3 / 402BA

CQ WW DX Contest 1974 operation from Lebanon was a fascinating experience. It was so different to operate from Beirut — a place that is called the pearl of the Middle-East.

We asked OD5HC about licensing in Lebanon but did get the whole contest center up on the mountains — 4000 ft higher than the city of Beirut. 25 miles of beautiful serpentines and steep mountain roads right to the top of the mountain covered with snow.

When a thunderstorm stroke the power station of the village we were back in the business with our own generator within five minutes. When a lightning burned our rotator at the TH6DXX it was only a matter of some hours to get the antenna turning again. To put up such a station and keep it working against all the power of the nature must be the sign of deep love to ham radio.

To make a single tx/multi op world record, 3100 QSOs and 4 million points from Lebanon is not only a matter of operating the station. The honors for the success belong to the gang behind the station: OD5HC, OD5ET, OD5HD and OD5HF. Thank you very much.

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